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SUBJECT: SUGAR -- STOCKHOLDING PLAN, CONSULTATIONS
WITH JAPAN AND SOVIET UNION

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1. EMBASSY COMMODITIES OFFICER COMPLETED CONSULTATIONS
ON US PLAN FOR STOCKHOLDING AND FINANCING ON JULY 12,
WITH SEPARATE MEETINGS WITH KUBOTA (JAPAN) AND
MITROFANOV AND BAKIN (USSR). MEETING WITH LATTER
PARTICULARLY FORTUITOUS SINCE BAKIN, WHO IS IN LONDON
FOR THE INTERNATIONAL TIN COUNCIL MEETINGS, WILL
SHORTLY RETURN TO MOSCOW AND BE ABLE TO BRIEF
POLEJAIEV AND OTHERS.

2. JAPAN -- KUBOTA TREATED PROPOSAL WITH RESERVE. HE
SAID HE HAD NO GUIDANCE FROM TOKYO BUT THOUGHT ASSESS-
ING LEVIES AT POINT OF IMPORT COULD PROVIDE DIFFI-
CULTIES. HE NOTED JAPAN HAD AGREED TO THE COCOA LEVY
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SYSTEM BUT US PROPOSAL WOULD SHIFT PRACTICALLY THE
ENTIRE BURDEN TO THE IMPORTER. HE ALSO NOTED THAT US
STOCK FIGURE AT 3 MILLION TONS WAS ABOVE CANADIAN/
JAPANESE FIGURE IN FALLBACK POSITION, ALREADY KNOWN TO
EXPORTERS, OF 2.5 TO 2.7 MILLION TONS. KUBOTA SAID
JAPANESE DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY JAPAN EMBASSY
MINISTER KOMURA AND WILL INCLUDE OKAMOTA AND KUBOTA'S

SUCCESSOR, NODA.

3. USSR -- SOVIET RESPONSE WAS ONE OF INTEREST BUT AS ANTICIPATED , WAS NON-COMMITTAL. BOTH MITROFANOV AND BAKIN RECOGNIZED THE US PROPOSAL AS A SERIOUS ATTEMPT TO BREAK THE NEGOTIATIONS IMPASSE. MITROFANOV NOTED THAT THE FEE SYSTEM MAY POSE PROBLEMS FOR THE SOVIET UNION. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE US WOULD ENTERTAIN A PROPOSAL FOR AN EXCEPTION FOR THE USSR IF THIS WERE REQUESTED. HE ALSO ASKED IF THE US WOULD BE PREPARED TO CONSIDER ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE SOVIET UNION, I.E., THOSE OTHER THAN THE STOCKING ISSUE. EMBOFF REPLIED US BELIEVED REACHING A MEETING OF THE MINDS ON STOCKS WAS VITAL, BUT THIS SHOULD NOT PRECLUDE MOVING TO OTHER MATTERS ONCE THE STOCK PROBLEM HAD BEEN ADEQUATELY DEALT WITH AND IF TIME PERMITTED. IN EMPHASIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE JULY MEETING, EMBOFF STRESSED THAT SIMPLY A REHASH OF ALL PROBLEMS WITH NO SUBSTANTIVE PROGRESS ON ANY WOULD BE DISASTROUS FOR THE SEPTEMBER NEGOTIATIONS.

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